

CLAY

Creative Coil Vessel Unit

PROCESS OF CLAY

Wet Clay	Leather-hard Clay	Bone Dry
<ul style="list-style-type: none">*Cool and Wet*Can easily manipulate and work with clay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">*Moist Clay, but leathery*Can hold a shape better*Pieces may be attached- but may need to score and add slip	<ul style="list-style-type: none">*Bone Dry-Room temp.*Can't attach pieces - too dry*Very brittle- can easily break

Continued Process of Clay:

- As clay dries it loses moisture and shrinks.
- Once a piece is bone-dry it can be fired in a kiln to about 2000 degrees to bake the clay. (This fire is called a bisque fire)
- Once the piece has been fired you can glaze it.
- After glazing the piece, you must re-fire the piece to fuse the chemicals in the glaze to make a glass like surface. (This fire is called a glaze fire)
- After the ware has been glaze fired with lead free glazes you can eat and drink out of your piece. It is even dishwasher and microwave safe.

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Requirements:

- Using creative coils and / or designs make a unique coil vessel.
- Size of the vessel should be about 4-8 inches tall and 3-5 inches wide. If you create a smaller form you may make a couple of pieces that go together.
- Keep craftsmanship in mind as you smooth all areas of the piece before it dries out.
- BE CREATIVE! What form can you make? What will the function be? What else can you add to this piece to make it your own unique vessel?